

September 19, 2005

Michael Urena, President
North Area Neighborhood Development Council

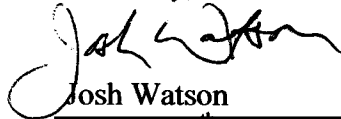
To Michael and the NANDC Governing Board:

I am highly interested in becoming a governing board member of the North Area Neighborhood Development Council; Area 3 Representative. I firmly believe in the importance of civic engagement, and see the Neighborhood Development Council as a way to serve as an active and informed citizen.

I have just begun my fourth year as an elementary substitute teacher for Los Angeles Unified School District. Within this capacity, the great majority of my teaching days have occurred at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the students and teachers at this school site. In the fall of 2004, I began working on a Master's degree in Educational Psychology at USC. Additionally, I am employed by the University as a Residence Coordinator for New Residential College. My roles as a school teacher in the community, as well as a Coordinator on campus, allow for dual perspectives. I intend to work with the Council, serving as a bridge between these roles.

I may be a newer member of this community, but I am motivated to make a positive impact. I look forward to learning from all those involved with the Council, joining together in work toward common goals. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Josh Watson



Joshua J. Watson


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EDUCATION

University of Southern California

–*M.S. Educational Psychology*

Aug. 2004-To be completed May 2006

Loyola University Chicago

–*B.A. Communication and Political Science, Peace Studies Minor*

May 1998

- Honors Degree; Phi Beta Kappa; magna cum laude, Dean's list all semesters

EMPLOYMENT

University of Southern California

–*Office for Residential Education - Res. Coordinator/New Res. College*

June 2004-Present

- Train and supervise team of Resident Assistants.
- Administer building wide programming and development budget.
- Process conduct cases and implement appropriate review process.
- Counsel staff members and residents, functioning as resource when needed.
- Oversee implementation of programs in the building and university community.

Los Angeles Unified School District

–*Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary/Various Schools in South Los Angeles*

Sept. 2002-Present

- Substitute teach pre-kindergarten through fifth grade students.
- Supervise teams of educational assistants.

–*Banneker Special Education Center, Los Angeles, CA*

April-Sept. 2002

- Taught and administered class of students with severe mental and physical challenges.
- Evaluated health and progress of students daily.

Advance Living

–*Counselor/Mentor, Los Angeles, CA*

Aug. 2001-Oct. 2003

- Counseled mentally challenged adults.
- Designed and implemented activities and programs for clients.
- Assessed needs of clients and their families and responded accordingly.

I Have A Dream Foundation

–*Angeles Mesa Elementary, Los Angeles, CA*

Sept. 1999-May 2000

- Administered after-school tutoring program for seventh grade students.
- Recruited volunteers to serve as chaperones and assist with enrichment activities.
- Developed partnerships with organizations to secure resources for program's needs.
- Organized service activities for students to give back to their communities.
- Communicated with families, involving them in their children's educational careers.

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps

–*Capitol Region Campus, Washington, D.C.*

Oct. 1998-Aug. 1999

- Served on team for ten-month full-time national community service initiative.
- Trained for American Red Cross Disaster Services Human Resource System.
- Fought wildfires throughout Eastern and Southern United States.

- Supervised renovation of summer camp and public housing apartments in D.C. area.
- Operated hotline for Federal Emergency Management Assn. after Oklahoma City tornado.
- Coordinated HandsOnDC - a volunteer program for a citywide work-a-thon in schools.
- Assisted Team Leader in project combining nursing home and elementary school service.

Loyola University Chicago

-Resident Assistant, Chicago, IL

Aug. 1995-June 1998

- Served as peer advisor for dormitory residents.
- Designed and organized programs and activities for residents.
- Facilitated committees that designed campus wide programs.

COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE

White House Internship

-Vice President Al Gore's office, Washington D.C.

May-July 1996

- Served as primary staff support of Community Empowerment Board
- Solely responsible for answering information requests about Board.
- Disseminated Empowerment Zone information to outside organizations.
- Compiled and analyzed articles about community revitalization activities.

Loyola University Student Government, President

-Loyola University Chicago

May 1997-1998

- Presided over Cabinet and Senate of Loyola's student body.
- Administered legislative debate of items written to impact student population.
- Served on Board of Trustees sub-committee and many other university committees.
- Facilitated communication between students and faculty.

JUSTICE (Jesuit University Students Concerned With Empowerment)

-Loyola University Chicago

Oct. 1997-May 1998

- Founded and administered local chapter of national organization.
- Served as national officer for 28 Jesuit Universities.
- Planned and presented at National JUSTICE Convention.

South Texas/Mexico Immersion Trip

-United Farm Workers/Habitat for Humanity

Dec. 1996-Jan. 1997

- Studied and worked for human rights along the Texas-Mexico border.

Traveler's and Immigrants Aid/Families Building Communities

-Kid's Club Supervisor, Chicago, IL

Jan. 1995-May 1996

- Supervised after-school fellowship program in Chicago HUD building.

Volunteer Action Program

-Special Programs Director, Chicago, IL


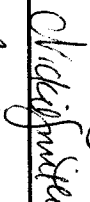

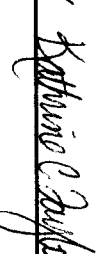
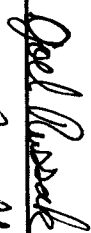



May 1995-May 1996

- Organized and guided field trips for disadvantaged youth to cultural spots in the city.

HONORS

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| • Presidential Scholarship | • Communication Major - Student of the Year |
| • Loyola Leadership Scholarship | • Community Service Student of the Year |
| • Alpha Sigma Nu, Jesuit Honorary | • Vice President for Student Affairs Award |
| • National Residence Hall Honorary | • Sons of the American Revolution Award |
| • Lambda Pi Eta, Communication Honorary | • Encounter Loyola Retreat - Lay Director |
| • Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honorary | • MLK Jr. Celebration Student Address |
| • Golden Key National Honor Society | • Unity and Diversity Week Student Address |
| • City-wide Youth of the Year | • AmeriCorps Graduation Address |

We the undersigned, support Joshua Watson as a candidate for the open board position in Area 3.

Name	Signature	Address	Stakeholder Status	Phone Number
1 <u>Zwily CAVICUA</u>				
2 <u>Nickie Smith</u>				
3 <u>Heidi Ghatt</u>				
4 <u>Katharine Taylor</u>				
5 <u>Lucía Floríndez Juvaia y. Mora</u>				
6 <u>Joel Russak</u>				
7 <u>Laorena Garcia</u>				
8 <u>Guadalupe Ramirez</u>				
9 <u>EUGENS LOH</u>				
10 <u>Brian Clerc</u>	